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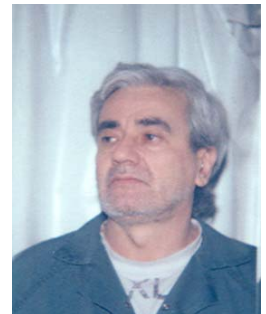
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News Release

ICE DEPORTS NICARAGUAN WITH NUMEROUS CONVICTIONS FOR DRUGS AND DUI

CHICAGO — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today deported a 51-year-old Nicaraguan with numerous drug and DUI convictions, including aggravated DUI and driving drunk with a child passenger in the car.

Sixto Duarte-Herrera, of Sioux City, Iowa, was deported to Managua, Nicaragua, under the escort of two government officers.



Duarte-Herrera was legally admitted to the U.S. as a refugee in 1990 and became a permanent resident in 1991. His extensive criminal history includes convictions for: using a deadly weapon (he pulled a knife on a man during an argument) in Arapahoe County, Colo. in 1996; possessing cocaine in Woodbury County, Iowa, in 2001; possessing methamphetamine in Woodbury County, Iowa, in 2003; and aggravated DUI and DUI with a child passenger in Hancock County, Ill., in 2004, for which he was sentenced to one year in prison. ICE agents first encountered Duarte-Herrera in 2004 as he was being booked into the Illinois Department of Corrections. As is standard procedure, ICE took custody of him upon his release from prison.

Due to his criminal convictions, Duarte-Herrera was stripped of his permanent resident status and became eligible for deportation.

“This individual has endangered the public safety by driving drunk, and possessing a variety of drugs,” said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim. “His criminal convictions give him no legal right to remain in the United States. We help make our communities and our country more secure with every criminal alien we deport.” Achim oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area.

ICE formally removed more than 160,000 aliens nationally in fiscal year 2004. More than half of those were criminal aliens. The ICE Chicago office removed more than 6,100 aliens last year, a 28-percent increase over the previous year.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.